

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

A selfless love for God and neighbor was the reflection point the Holy Mother Church gave us in the last weekend to enter into the Kingdom of God. In today's Gospel we see, Jesus appreciates the selfless love of the poor widow toward God. The reason for Jesus' appreciation for the poor widow is not the amount of money she puts in the Church treasury, but her complete dependency on God's providence. This is the kind of dependency and love Jesus demanded from the disciples when He sent His disciples to preach the Good News. This is the kind of dependency and love that Jesus is expecting from all of us.

Dear friends, Gospel reflections on every day and every weekend are not just my reflections about a particular Gospel, but rather they should be the reflections of our own personal life, and only then a good change will happen in our lives and in the world. So, first and foremost, I invite you to reflect yourself and find out, is there anything that you have as your own? If we deeply and sincerely reflect, we will realize that, we do not have anything in our lives as our own. Not even our body as our own. The water we drink, the air that we breathe, the food that we eat, yes, everything is a gift of God. If then why are we complaining so much about so many things? Why are we worried, tensed and depressed? Yes, it is because we try to hold on to something which is not our own.

Today Jesus warns His disciples against the wrong kind of religion and religiosity. If we can divide today's Gospel into two parts, in the first part we see the attitude of scribes who represent a wrong religion and religious people who are looking for gaining something by being part of a particular religion. Here, being part of the religion, the scribes are basically concerned about their self promotion by performing well in the public places, but their real nature and attitude was away from their public performance. This is the reason often we see Jesus speak up strongly against the so called religious teachers such as, Scribes and Pharisees.

When we come to the second part of the Gospel, Jesus appreciates the selfless giving of a poor widow and set an example for a true religion and how a religious person should be. By presenting this Gospel passage, Jesus invites us to reflect about the sincerity of our religiosity and love of God. Jesus very clearly indicates to us that, it is not how much we give, but it is with how much love we give. This is the same Mother Theresa also says; "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with But we can do small things with great love." This is the reason often we say, when God blesses us with

more gifts, we should not rise our standard of living but we should raise the standard of giving which reveals our true love of God and religion.

Dear friends, during this Mass, let us think about our attitude to our religion and our religiosity. Every celebration of the sacrament is the celebration of Jesus' selfless giving and are we not getting inspired by it? Be sure, true love never calculates; it spends lavishly. If our religion, faith and religiosity does not inspire you to be more generous, be sure there is something wrong with our faith. It is good to remember that, at the time of last judgment we are all measured not based on how much wealth we had and gave away, but rather how much love we had and gave away. That is what the book of Revelation 2:4 says; "Yet, I hold this against you: you have forsaken the love you had at first." Let us pray earnestly-Lord help us with a gracious and generous heart to love selflessly and to give generously. **Amen**

Padre Pio Relic Tour Nov. 20-21, 2021

Save the date to view Padre Pio (Saint Pio of Pietrelcina)relics at St. Anthony Parish in Browns Valley/Utica, November 20-21, 2021. Veneration will be both Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. until 7p.m. Bishop William F. Medley will celebrate Mass in honor of Padre Pio on Sunday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m. Tour hosted by the Saint Pio Foundation.

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

- Padre Pio

Faith Formation Teachers Needed

We need a teacher for first grade to relieve Bethany Hayden as she is soon to welcome a new little one. We are also in need of a few teachers subs. If you are interested, please contact Debra Hamilton.

Church Keys

If you have a key to St. Sebastian church, please contact Kimberly at the church office. Thank you!

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to Our Churches during this unfortunate time. God Bless

Financial Report – October 31, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 6,300.00 + 3,416.44
Emergency Fund	\$ 245.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 25.00

Financial Report - October 31, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 1159.00 + 100.78
Mission Sunday	\$ 25.00

**Mass Schedule
November 7 – November 14**

Sunday - Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bernard, Jane & Brenda Payne
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Judith Ann Howard Phelps

Monday – Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Lisa Young

Tuesday – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Wednesday- St. Leo The Great (Memorial)

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Alvin Bickett
- 6:30pm - Faith Formation

Thursday – St. Martin of Tours (Memorial)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Bickett
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Bill Logsdon

Friday – St. Josaphat (Memorial)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor - Leachman Families

Saturday – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (Memorial)

-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Lisa Young

Sunday - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Hayden
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

**Ministry Schedule
November 13, 2021**

St. Sebastian Lector: Paula Tichenor

November 14, 2021

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Kim Cooper
Lector: Gail Clayton & Drew McCarty
Money Counters: Laurie Scott & Gates Tichenor

St. Charles Euch. Min: Lee Edwards
Lector: Zach Albin & Anna Miller
Money Counters: Jacob Miller & David Albin

CDC Recommendations for Covid-19 Pandemic

- All Vaccinated and Unvaccinated over the age of two are strongly recommended to wear a facemask properly.
- If you are feeling ill or concerned about exposure to the virus, be encouraged to remain home.
- Gathering spaces to be cleaned and sanitized regularly.
- Continue with proper hand washing and/or sanitizing.
- No social gatherings or meetings are permitted in the church buildings.
- Eucharistic Ministers should be masked and sanitize their hands after receiving the Eucharist.
- Please continue to be diligent.

St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary



Tony & Cindy Searcy - November 8
Jimmy & Brandy Rice - November 13

St. Charles - Happy Anniversary



James & Margie Logsdon - November 9

St. Charles - Happy Birthday



Amelia Calhoun - November 7
Jonathan Rhodes - November 8

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Ann Searcy - November 7
James Dant - November 9
Bryce Durbin - November 10
Jalyn Ferguson - November 10
Paula Hayden - November 10
Kelcie Cobb - November 12
Larry Hardison - November 13

Please Pray for our Military

MMN1 Andrew Logsdon, SSgt. James (J.P.) Dye, John Randall Zaremba, Major Jack Kaina, Major Bradley Summers, Lance Corporal Marine Joseph Ryan Hunter, Lt. Col. Michael Rezebek. A.B. Phillip Wilson, Specialist 4 Chaz McKay, Sgt. Adam Dickey, and Corpsman Aly Franklin.

Prayer List for Members of our Community

Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Lisa Jackson, Ethan Settle, Jimmy Clayton, Pat Calhoun, Sonny Renfrow, Kimberly Nowak, Todd Tichenor, Kimberly Stiles, Louis & Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Mary Jewell, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lisa Vaught, Lance Green and Neil Hayden.